(d) the financial assistance granted to the State in the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) As 'Sports' figures in the 'State List' of the Constitution, the primary responsibility for the creation of sports infrastructure facilities lies with State Governments. Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of State Governments by providing assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes subject to receipt of viable proposals. But with effect from 1.4.2005, those schemes have been transferred to the State Sector, except to the extent that committed liabilities were met till 31.3.2005. During the last five years, no funds were provided to Goa under Centrally Sponsored Schemes to create sports infrastructure.

(c) and (d) With the support of the Union Government, the Sports Authority of India (SAI) operates a number of sports coaching and training schemes such as the National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTCS) and the SAI Training Centre Scheme (STCS). Under the NSTCS, training is being imparted in football in Navodya Vidyalaya, Canacona. Similarly under the STCS, the Goa STC imparts training in different disciplines such as boxing, football, taekwondo, judo, athletics, kabaddi and swimming at Ponda, Mapusa (Peddem) and Margoa (Fatorda). Around 250 sportspersons are receiving training under the above mentioned schemes in Goa. SAI's expenditure in Goa over the last five years is of the order of Rs. 2.01 crore.

Performance of Indian cricket team in world cup 2007

3957. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on miserable performance of Indian cricket team in World Cup 2007; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The Board of Control for Cricket in India has acknowledged the poor performance of the Indian Team at the ICC

World Cup 2007 and held the Team collectively responsible for its poor performance. The BCCI has deliberated on the matter and also obtained the suggestions of former captains of the Indian Cricket Team. Based on the inputs received, the BCCI is taking necessary steps for improving the preparation of the Indian Cricket Team for participation in major events, which include intensive training inputs in different aspects of the game; norms in terms of minimum level of participation in domestic competitions; encouraging young potential players etc.

Bharat scouts and guides

†3958. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any grant to Bharat Scouts and Guides for its activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of grants released during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether Government give priority to youths trained by Bharat Scouts and Guides in providing employment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The activities of Bharat Scouts & Guides for which grants-in-aid are sanctioned include President Scouts/Guides Testing Camps, Workshop/ Seminars/Training Courses, Training Camps (Project Advancement), Youth Programmes/Forums/Adventure Programmes/Gatherings, Inter-State/Inter Regional Cultural Exchange Programmes, Environmental Awareness and , Nature Study Camps, Unit Leaders Conference for Scouters/Guiders, Periodical Meets, Coordination of Scouting/Guiding activities.

(c) The details of grants-in-aid released to the Bharat Scouts and Guides, New Delhi during the last 3 years are as under:—

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.